



## Australian Scholarships THE PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE

### Fiji

## AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Information for Intakes Commencing 2010

### Country Strategy

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Australia's development cooperation program to Fiji aims to contribute to the reduction of poverty through the promotion of stability and the more equitable distribution of resources and services to all the people of Fiji. The program focuses on the areas of:

- Economic and Public Sector Management and Reform
- International Trade,
- Security,
- Climate change,
- health; and
- education;

The program is integrated to the extent possible within Fiji's Strategic Development Plans and targets rural areas. Activities are designed to be flexible and responsive to changing circumstances, and measure impact at a high level within Fiji's own monitoring and evaluation systems.

### Type, Level and Number of Scholarships

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Up to ten (10) places will be offered for 2010.

- Only Open scholarships are offered.
- These scholarships are offered at undergraduate and postgraduate (up to Masters only) levels of study for courses not available in the Pacific region.

### Priority Sectors

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Scholarships are offered for areas relevant to Fiji's human resource development needs in the broad areas of Economic and Public Sector Management and Reform International Trade, Security, Climate change, Health, Education Equal numbers of scholarships will be awarded to females and males.

### The Application Process

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Expressions of interest and application forms will be advertised in The Fiji Times during the month of March, with details of selection criteria and of how to submit an expression of interest. To be considered eligible, applicants should provide the following:

- Curriculum vitae detailing personal details, academic qualifications and work-related information.

- Certified copies of all academic transcripts that specify grades or marks for each stage of study undertaken.
- Certified copy of a birth certificate.
- A certified copy of the FSLC official results notice if already sat for.
- A certified copy of the FFSE official results notice if already sat for.
- A short statement providing details on proposed area of study and its relevance to the applicant's career aspirations and Fiji's development needs (maximum one A4 page).

Expressions of interest are then assessed and shortlisted applicants are sent an ADS application form for the final round of shortlisting.

Selection is finalised with the involvement of both Australian and Fiji Government representatives. Priority and Reserve candidates are selected for placement at Australian institutions.

### General Eligibility Criteria

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Applicants must meet all of AusAID's selection criteria.

Applicants:

- Must be citizens of Fiji and not hold or be eligible to hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence status.
- Must not be married to or in a defacto relationship with a person who holds Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence status.
- Must not hold another scholarship simultaneously with an ADS or ARDS award, nor should they have held an Australian Government scholarship in the preceding 12 months at the time of application.
- Applicants for ADS must be applying to commence a new course of study and not be seeking support for a course they have already commenced in Australia.
- Must not transfer from a Fiji Government scholarship or any other scholarship during the tenure of that scholarship.
- Must be able to take up the award in the calendar year for which the award is offered.
- Must not be under any bonding arrangements at the time of commencement of an award.



## Country Specific Eligibility Criteria

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### Undergraduate

- Applicants should have a FSLC minimum aggregate mark of 300 out of 400 or its equivalent (for English and three best subjects).
- Mature age applicants should have achieved pass grade at the Form 7 level and have at least five years relevant work experience and successfully undertaken relevant tertiary studies or some form of continuing education.
- Applicants should not hold an undergraduate or postgraduate degree.
- As of 1 January 2008, applicants should be between 17 and 45 years of age.

### Postgraduate (up to Masters level)

- Applicants should have achieved above average result in their undergraduate degree(s) and have at least 5 years relevant work experience.
- Mature age applicants should have at least 10 year relevant work experience and have successfully undertaken some form of relevant tertiary studies.
- No age limit, although a scholar's potential outputs on return from study will be assessed during selection time
- Applicants should not hold a postgraduate degree.

## English Language Training

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If English language training is needed, this will be provided in Australia as part of the ADS award.

## Contact Information

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